

lane width specifications since 1997-98. Improvement of formation has been completed in 130 km length and surfacing has been completed in 125 km length.

Shimla-Chargaon State Highway as National Highway

+4521. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have received a number of letters from Members of Parliament to develop Shimla-Chargaon State Highway as a National Highway;
- (b) if so, what action has been taken by Government in this regard; and
- (c) whether Government would undertake the said work on priority basis keeping in view of the geographical conditions there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) No, Sir. No such reference has been received.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Construction and repair of Roads in Bihar

+4522. SHRIMATI KUMKUM RAI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are considering a proposal received from Department of Road Construction of the Bihar Government to the tune of total Rs. 673.67 crores for construction and repair of various roads; and
- (b) if so, whether sanction is likely to be given during 2001?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[†]Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.